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In re Patent Application of:

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For: PROCESS FOR THE TREATMENT OF
CRUDE OIL, PROCESS FOR THE
SEPARATION OF A WATER-IN-OIL
HYDROCARBON EMULSION AND
APPARATUS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE
SAME

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	No. Claims After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Extra Present		Rate	Additional Fee
Total	49	MINUS	20**	=	29	X	50	\$ 1450
Indep.	6	MINUS	3**	=	3	X	200	\$ 600
First presentation of multiple dependent claim(s)						X		\$
TOTAL								\$ 2050.00

* not less than 20

** not less than 3

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